

Pocahontas County

LAKES, RIVERS, AND MOUNTAINS)

L A K E S

Q Name of lake or lakes in your county?

A Seneca Lake, in Seneca State Forest; Killbuck Lake in  
Waboga State Park

Q Give the origin of name and meaning?

A From Indian Tribes, Seneca; Killbuck, noted bloody  
Indian Chief

Q Is the lake a natural or an artificial one?

A artificial

Q If an artificial lake, was it constructed for a power project?

A No

Q If so, give name of company operating power rights?

A

Q To whom is power furnished?

A

Q What acreage does the lake cover, together with its depth?

A Seneca 6 acres; Killbuck 12 acres

Q What highways (State and Federal) are nearest the lake?

A US 219

Q Give a list of different kinds of sport and recreation facilities to be had?

A Fishing & boating & camping

(GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

But County in State for Hunting  
Fishing



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RIVERS

Q Name of river or rivers running through your county?

A Greenbrier, Cheat, Elk, Tappan Valley, Wellons  
Cherry, Gauley, Cranberry

Q Give origin and meaning of name?

A Cheat origin of name not really known  
Gauley from ancient name of France

Q Give point of entry in your county and point of exit?

A None all rise here

Q What is the total length of the river in the State?

A ~~None~~ Greenbrier 170 miles  
Elk 180

Q What percentage of total mileage flows through your county?

A Elk about 20 miles  
Greenbrier about 40%

Q Is power generated by the erection of dams, or are there power possibilities?

A no power generated, but good passage  
boats

Q If power is generated, give name of company operating power rights?

A

Q If river is navigable, give length?

A no

Q Give sport facilities, such as boating, swimming and fishing?

A bass, trout + pike fishing (good)

(GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

The above Rivers all head in Pocahontas County  
and no River or creek runs through the county  
all head in the county



MOUNTAINS

Q Name of mountain or mountains in your county?

A Allegheny Mountains, Back Allegheny mountains, Greenbrier mountains & Cheat mt

Q Meaning of name?

A Indian for big sign, Allegheny - Cheat Mountain (Indian meaning *dividing*)

Q Give the location in your county? A.

all over

Q What highways (State and Federal) are nearest the mountain?

A 219

Q Give a description of the mountain, whether wooded or not, and point of highest elevation?

A mostly wooded; range in elevation from 2100 to 4800 feet

Q If mountain is heavily timbered, what kind is found?

A Northerly hardwood mixture with spruce & white pine

Q Is mountain a recreation center?

A Yes

Q If so, what?

A Hunting and fishing

(GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

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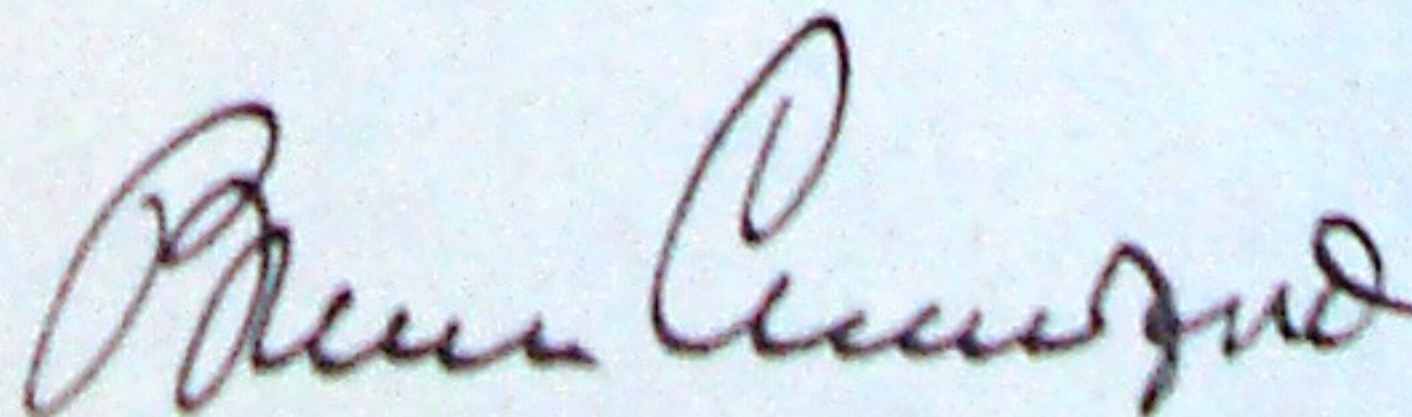
Dear Sir:

The Federal Writers' Project is compiling material on all the counties for a West Virginia Encyclopedia. For the present, we are interested in obtaining information from your county on lakes, rivers and mountains.

Enclosed are three lists of questions to which we would like to have you give brief but comprehensive answers at your convenience. If you do not have the data at hand, will you please turn the lists over to someone else who is familiar with these particular subjects?

We will be glad to hear from you and will appreciate whatever you may do for us.

Very truly yours,



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